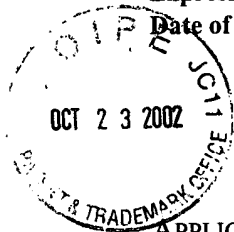


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action dated April 23, 2002. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 23, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 20349-543.

Respectfully submitted,

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